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# Huntley Finds Life Has Its Drawbacks

BOZEMAN, Mont. July 21 (AP)—Chet Huntley of the Huntley-Brinkley news telecast says Life magazine incorrectly quoted him as saying it "frightens me" that Richard M. Nixon is president.

In a letter to the Bozeman Chronicle, Huntley declared Monday that he actually said he "worried about all presidents of the United States—whether they will stay healthy, whether they can stand the strain, their power, the decisions they make, and our tendency to make monarchs out of them."

In New York a Life spokesman declined immediate comment, pointing out that neither Huntley nor his employer, NBC, had complained to the magazine.

CHET HUNTLEY
. . . good night, Life!

Huntley, 58, retires from the telecast after the Friday night show and will devote full time to developing a Montana recreational complex.

The newscaster also disowned another quote in the Life interview: "The shallowness of the man—President Nixon—overwhelms me."

In disclaiming that quote, Huntley said he had ventured the judgment that the 1968 campaign, as waged by all candidates, was shallow and that the President's rationale for Cambodia was thin.

"But that was transformed into the statement that I think Mr. Nixon was shallow," Huntley said.

Huntley also denied having said he had "poured Scotch" for President Johnson.

"Well, so it goes," concluded Huntley. "The only reasonably accurate quote was the one about the Eastern Establishment."

In that passage the newscaster was quoted as saying "Spiro Agnew is appealing to the most base of elements" and that the networks had "almost created" Agnew through intensive news coverage.